(c) if so, the steps taken to save the tribals from this dreaded disease ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM) : (a) Yes. Some of the States like Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal have reported cases and deaths due to Meningitis,

(b) and (c) Yes. Adequate treatment is being provided to the affected people including tribal population by opening camp hospitals and sending out mobile teams wherever necessary. Contact treatment is being provided to people coming into contact with patients as a preventive measures. Other control measures include treatment of patients by providing suitable drugs *viz.* Crystalline Benzyl Penicillin and Chloramphenicol ; vaccination of medical and para-medical personnel who attend patients and casuality departments ; providing protection to persons who may come into contact with patients by giving them Sulphadizine etc.

Transfer of US technology for aeronautical system to India

832. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of discussions held between the high level Indian Defence delegation and the U.S. authorities when the former visited the U.S.A. recently ;

(b) whether Government have received any assurance from the U.S. for the development of sophisticated aeronautical systems and transfer of technology of the same ; and

(c) what are the Government's views on the subject in relation to the requirements of our defence forces ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Matters of mutual interest were discussed between the Indian Defence Delegation led by R. M. and the U.S. authorities during RM's visit to USA in July 1989. It is not in the public interest to give details of the discussions.

(b) Under the umbrella of the Indo-US MOU on high technologies, a cooperation agreement was signed in October 1987 between the two Governments for the light combat aircraft (LCA) programme. Based on bilateral discussions, US government has released a document containing the aeronautics technologies which are releasable to India. The agreement also provides for laboratory-to-Laboratory cooperation in aeronautics technologies between concerned government establishments.

(c) It is expected that the availability of advanced aeronautics technologies for the LCA would enable the TCA to be a contemporary aircraft.

Construction of Post office Building Mangaldai

833. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a plot of land was purchased by Government at Mangaldai town many years ago for the construction of post and telegraph office at Mangaldai, Assam ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the plot of land has been lying vacant and even the preliminary works for building construction are not in the offing ; and